

Talking Book Advisory Board

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Vision:

ISL works in partnership with the local community to promote and deliver library services to people with special needs. The Talking Book Advisory Board supports this strategic initiative by utilizing the knowledge and expertise of information providers and users throughout the state to improve service to Idaho citizens who cannot read standard print or have other special needs.

Charge:

The Talking Book Advisory Board provides advice and support to the Idaho State Library on improving service to Idaho citizens who cannot read standard print or have other special needs.

The Advisory Board operates under the authority of the State Library Board to:

- Recommend ways to utilize the Talking Book Library at the Idaho State Library to supplement services to Idaho citizens unable to read standard print.
- Advise State Library staff in ways to help local libraries build the capacity to better serve clientele who cannot read standard print.
- Extend and supplement local and regional resources and services to the citizens of Idaho and build on the strength of resource sharing efforts in the state.
- Advise staff on issues of the audience.
- Communicate the vision and goals of the Talking Book Advisory Board to members of the library community, the Idaho Library Association, the state legislature, advocacy groups, and consumers.

Membership:

The Talking Book Advisory Board is comprised of librarians, representatives of advocacy groups for the target audience, and consumers. Board membership is representative of all types of libraries and of the geographic regions of the state.

The State Librarian is a member ex officio. Total membership of the Advisory Board will not exceed 9 members. State Library personnel serve as staff to the Talking Book Advisory Board both in terms of support services and leadership.

Members must be able to:

- Attend meetings and contribute to the work of the Talking Book Advisory Board through discussions, decision-making, and committee work.
- Represent their library, library network, library system, or consumer group.
- Represent the Talking Book Advisory Board to the Idaho library community and other key stakeholders.

Appointment:

Members will be appointed by the State Librarian for terms of 3 years. Members may be appointed to two consecutive terms.

Meetings:

- Meetings are scheduled, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis and are generally held in Boise. Other business may be conducted, as needed, by conference call.
- Travel expenses, including meals and lodging, will be paid at the state rate by Idaho State Library.
- Meetings will be conducted using a collaborative process with a meeting leader, facilitator, and recorder.